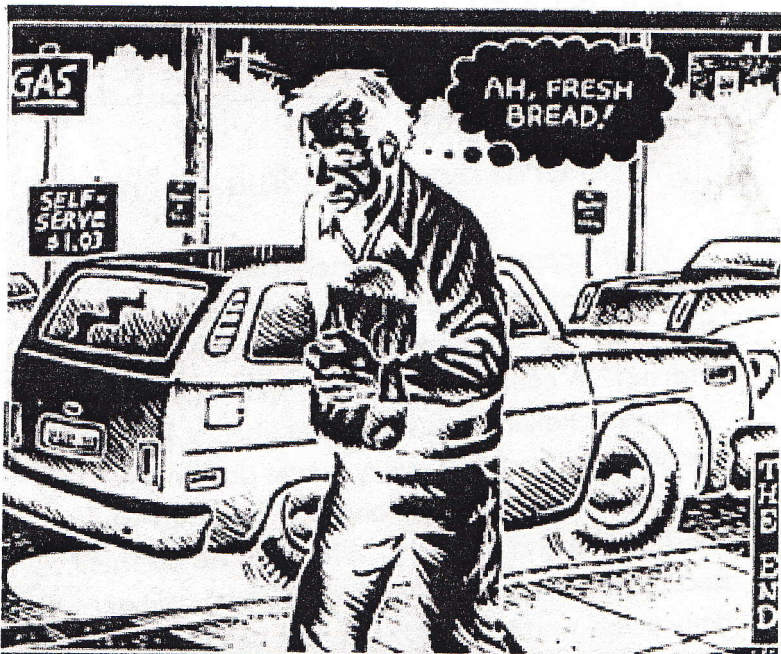




LOVEBUNNIPRESSPRESENTS:

AMERIKAN SPLENDOR: MY AFFAIR YEAR

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AMERIKAN SPLENDOR : My Affair Year

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Drawings: Doan Buu

What happens when a lonely comic book writer with an insatiable need to read his press starts to flirt with the librarian who helps him navigate the internet? A collision of pathos, that's what!

Harvey Pekar comes into the library I work at every single day. And every single day he asks for new reviews and articles and shit like that which mention him and his work. Why does he do this? Because he likes us to know that he has almost daily press written about him. Or he can not figure out how to use the computer his wife bought them.

Whatever the reason. This comic is a tribute a'la an American Splendor Comic Book. Only this time, it is really all about Harvey!

- R.JXP

Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Summer, 2006

I.

HERE. I WANTED YA
TA HAVE THIS.

OH HARVEY, THAT
IS SOOOO KIND...





IT'S MY BOOK

YES, IT IS,

YEAH,





NOW IT WILL BE WORTH 25
MORE CENTS IF YA NEED TA
NEEDA SELL IT.

OH HARVEY!
NOW STOP THAT!

YEAH, IF YA
SELL IT ON
EBAYS OK
SOME DAMN
THING



YEAH. THIS IS
PROLLY THE
BEST BOOK I
EVER DONE. IT'S
GOT R. CRUMB
DOING SOMEAH
THE DRAWINGS.

OH.



YEAH? YA KNOW WHO R. CRUMB IS HUH?
HE'S PRETTY FAMOUS. HIS MOVIE CAME OUT
BEFORE MINE.

OH I SAW THAT MOVIE.
HE IS VERY CREEPY.

NAAAAAW. HE'S A
REAL GOOD GUY.
HE'S JUST PRIVATE,
LIKE ME.



WELL, I LOVE THIS!
IT WAS SOOOOO
SWEET OF YOU
HARVEY.

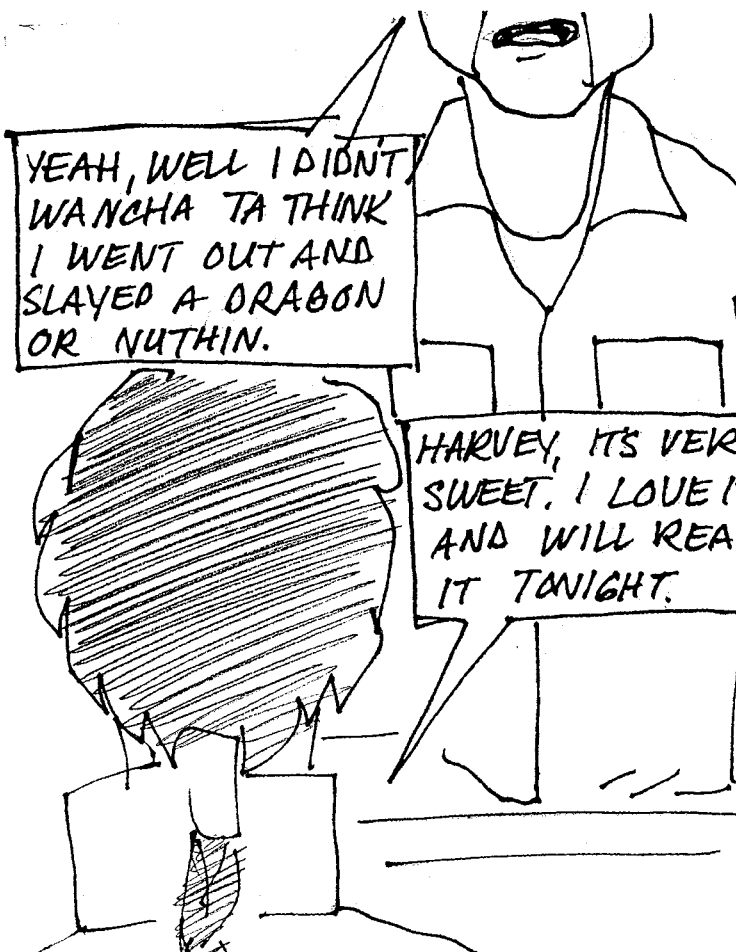


AW WELL, ITS NOTHING. I
GOTTA WHOLE BUNCH OF
THEM JUST SITTING AROUND
COLLECTIN DUST SO I FIGGERS
WHY NOT GIVE YOU ONE
FOR BEING SO HELPFUL.



HARVEY! LET ME
TELL YOU SOME-
THING... WHEN
YOU GIVE SOME-
ONE A GIFT, YOU
DON'T TELL THEM
THAT THE GIFT
WAS JUST SITTING
AROUND GETTING
DUSTY.





YEAH, WELL I DIDN'T
WANCHA TA THINK
I WENT OUT AND
SLAYED A DRAGON
OR NUTHIN.

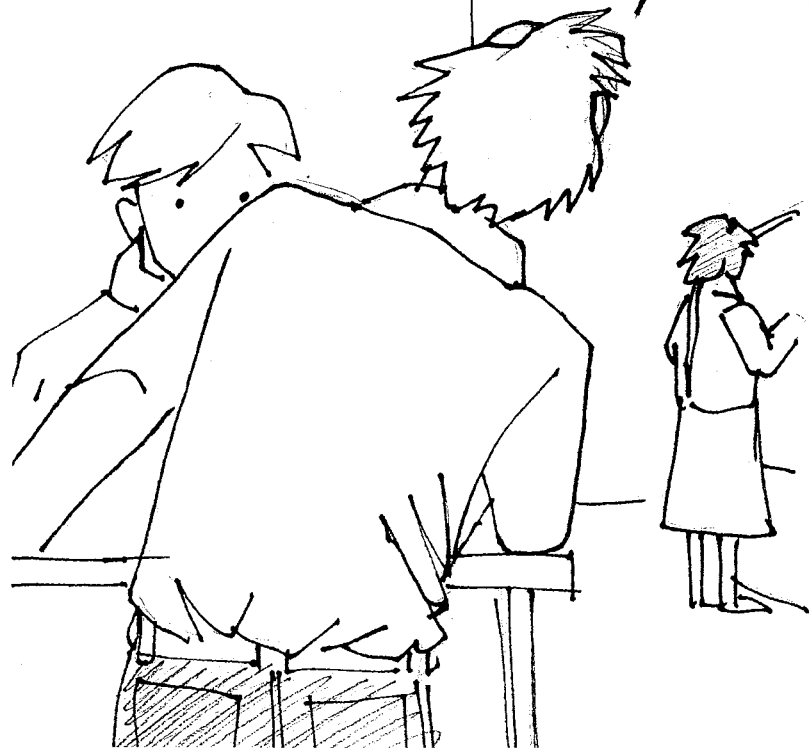
HARVEY, IT'S VERY
SWEET. I LOVE IT
AND WILL READ
IT TONIGHT.

I THINK I AM REALLY
BEGINNING TO LIKE
GRAPHIC NOVELS.



II.

HEY IS JANET HERE...





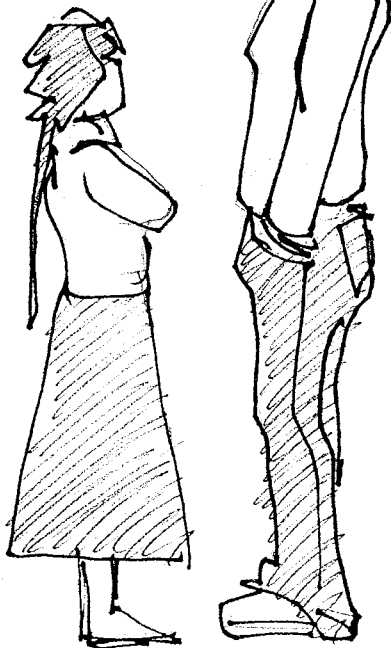
HEY JANET VA
GOT A MINUTE?

OH HELLO HARLEY
I DID NOT SEE
YOU STANDING
THERE



UHHH DIDN'T MEAN
TO SCARE YO OR NOTHIN

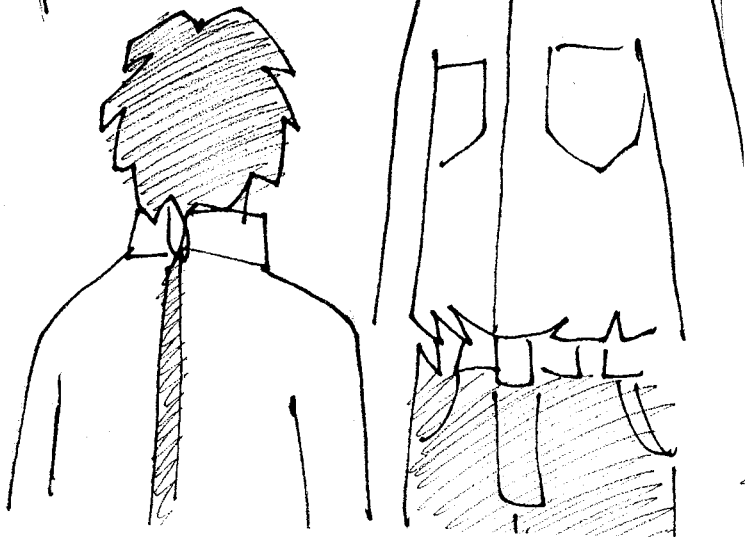
HARVEY! IT'S QUITE
ALRIGHT. HOW ARE
YOU?



ALRIGHT I GUESS. LOOK CAN
WE SEE IF THERE ARE NEW
ARTICLES ABOUT ME TODAY?

OH HARVEY, THE
INTERNET IS DOWN

DOWN - AS IN
NOT WORKING?





YES IT HAS BEEN
A HORRID MORNING
WITH IT TOO!

AW I BET YOU
GOT PLENTY OF
STUFF TA KEEP
YA BUSY.



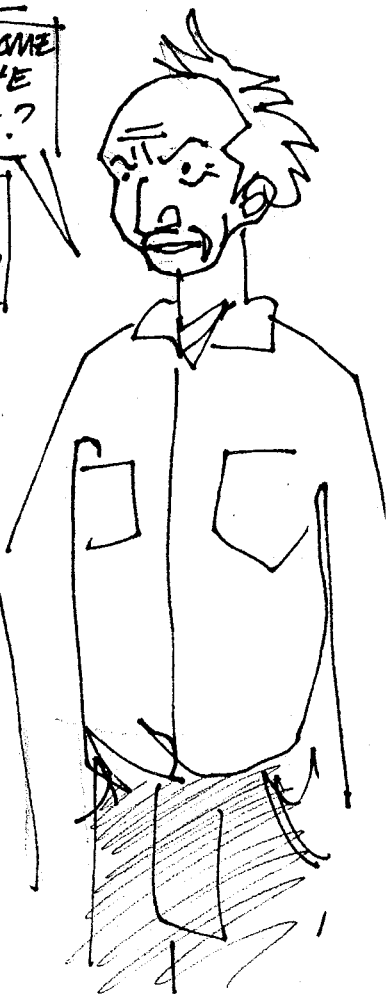
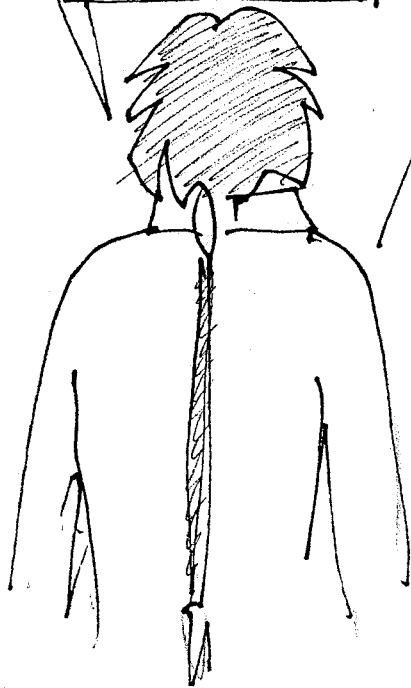
ANYWAY IT'S OKAY, I'LL
JUST CALL THE PUBLISHER
THEY KEEP A FILE
ON ME

A FILE? HARVEY
THAT SOUNDS
OMINOUS!

NAW JUST PRESS
CLIPPINGS AND
STUFF PEOPLE SAY
ABOUT ME.

LOOK I CAN GO HOME
AND GET ON THE
INTERNET RIGHT?

WELL YES (GIGGLE)
DO YOU HAVE THE
INTERNET AT HOME?





YEAH. IT'S JUST THAT
MY WIFE, SHE KNOWS
ALL THAT COMPUTER SHIT
BUT SHE'S SO DAMN MEAN
TO ME AND WILL NOT
LIFT A FINGER TO HELP
OUT. SHE REALLY RESENTS.

HARVEY! NO. HARVEY
LISTEN TO ME HARVEY
WHEN THE INTERNET
COMES BACK I WILL
LOOK AND CALL YOU.

NAAAAW JUST FOR-
GET IT. I'LL CALL
MY PUBLICIST.

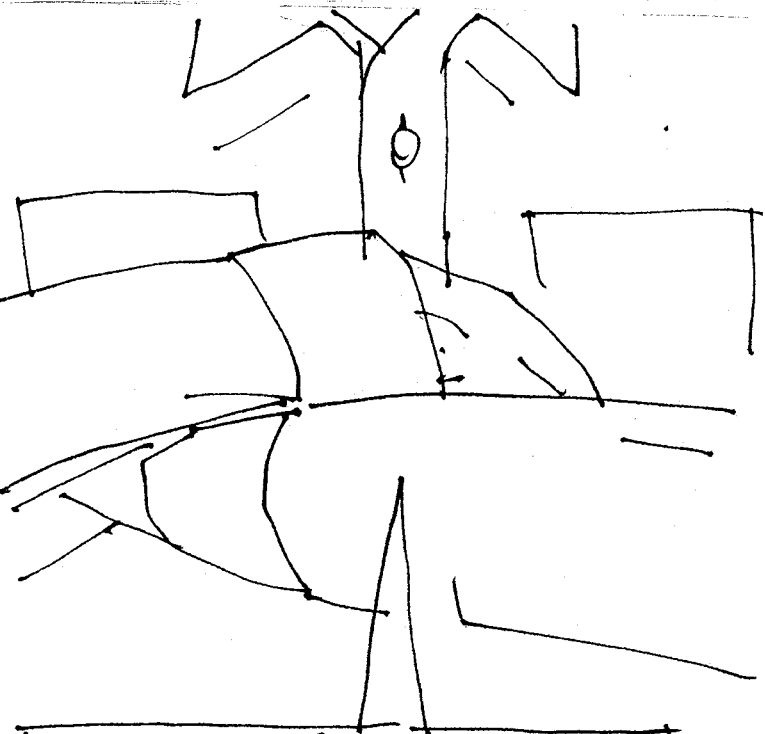


(GIGGLE) HARVEY! STOP.
LISTEN TO ME HARVEY.
I DO NOT MIND.

YOU DON'T HURT?

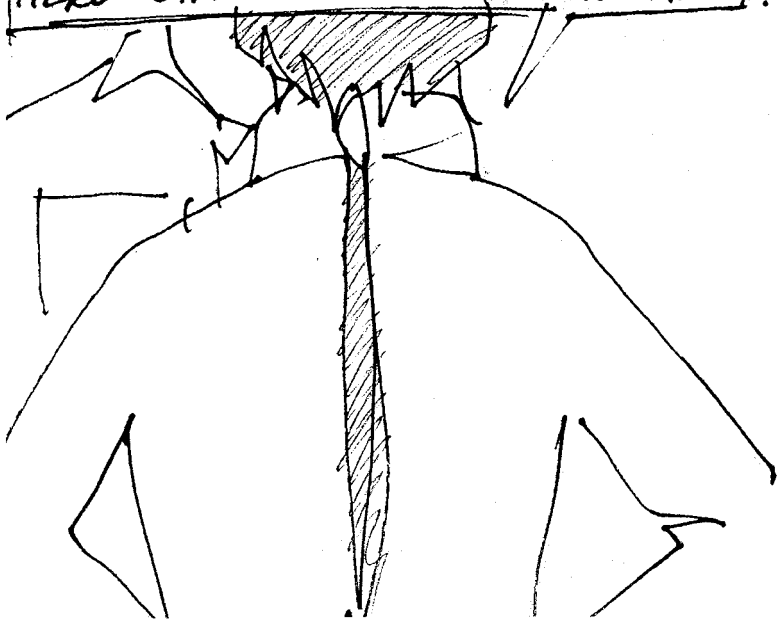
HARVEY, I LIKE
READING YOUR
REVIEWS.





YOU DO HUH? NOT MY WIFE.
ALL SHE SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT
ARE VACATIONS SHE DOESN'T
WORK, JUST GOES ON VACATIONS
GETS BACK FROM ONE AND IS
GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT.

HARVEY. I WILL LOOK FOR ANYTHING
NEW AND I WILL PRINT IT OUT AND
I WILL CALL YOU WHEN IT IS DONE.
IF I AM NOT HERE I WILL LEAVE
IT ON MY DESK SO ANYONE WHO IS
HERE CAN GIVE IT TO YOU. OK HARVEY?



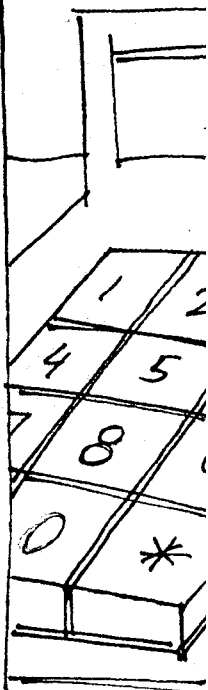
AW ALRIGHT YOU'LL
CALL AFTER THE INTER-
NET IS UP RIGHT?

HARVEY! I WILL
CALL YOU.



ONE HOUR LATER..

IS HARVEY PEKAR THERE?
HELLO? HARVEY? THIS IS
JANET AT THE LIBRARY.
AM I TALKING TO AN ANSW-
ERING MACHINE? OH DEAR
I HOPE THIS IS HARVEY.
LISTEN TO ME HARVEY. I
FOUND 2 ARTICLES ON YOU.
I AM GOING TO PUT THESE
ON MY DESK. NOW HARVEY,
THERE IS NO ~~REAS~~ TO GET
IN HERE TO GET THEM,
BECAUSE IT IS RAINING
AND I BELIEVE YOU ARE
WALKING. BUT I AM HERE
UNTIL 5:30 THEN I AM
GOING HOME. SO I AM
HERE, HARVEY,
THE PRINT OUTS ARE
ON MY DESK.



3 MINUTES LATER

IS JANET AROUND?

YEAH. SHE'S IN THE
STACKS. SIT DOWN, SHE'LL
BE BACK IN A MINUTE

I CAN WAIT





SIGH

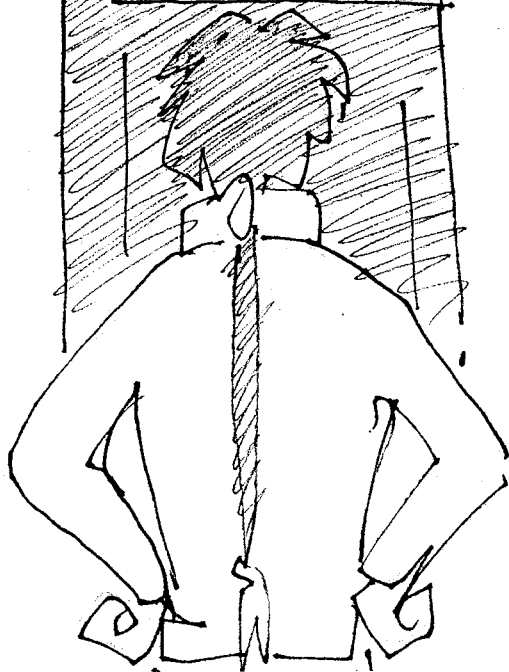
1 MINUTE LATER

HEY!
JANET!



HARVEY! YOU ARE SOAKED!

WHEN YOU HEAR
THE SIRENS' SONG
YOU HEAD FOR THE
ROCKS!



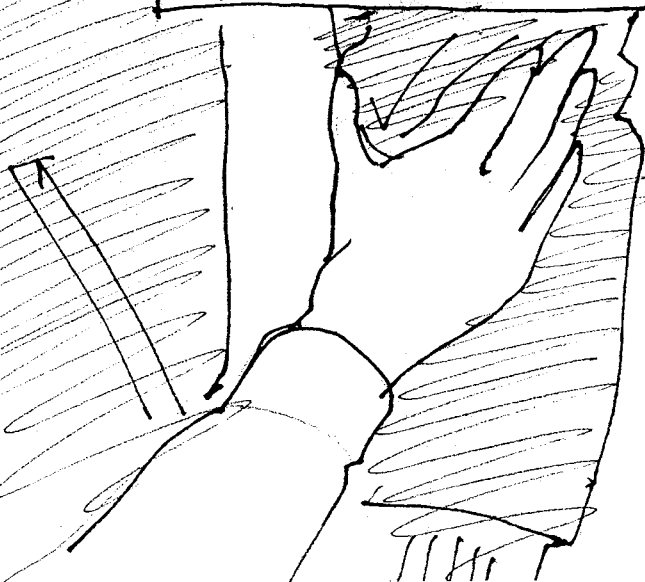


OH! OH! HARVEY
ULYSSES!

YEAH, I AM A GREAT
LOVER OF...

HERE ARE THE ARTICLES I FOUND.
THIS ONE AND THE OTHER ONE
YOU ASKED ABOUT.

YOU KNOW MY WIFE SHE TOLD
ME ABOUT THAT ONE - I THINK
- BUT SHE HATES ME SO SHE
SOMETIMES MAKES THINGS UP -
OR GETS STUFF WRONG JUST
TO MESS WITH ME AND MAKE
IT DIFFICULT.



HARVEY. LOOK YOUR REVIEW
IS RIGHT ON TOP!

HEY! AS LONG AS
I AM ON TOP THEN
I AM HAPPY.



OH
HARVEY!

III.

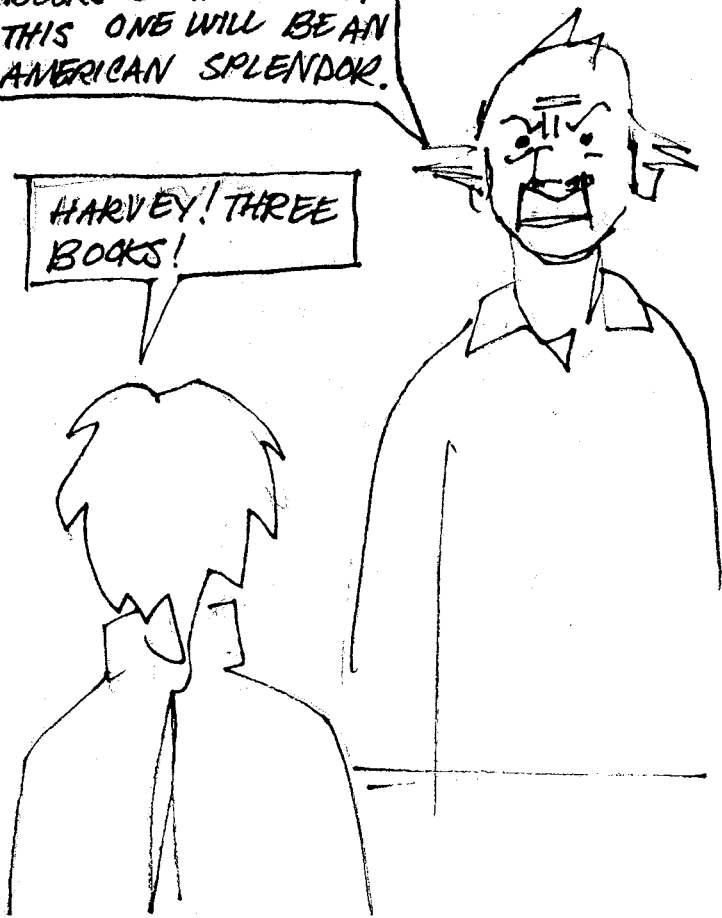
HEY, HOWYA DOIN'?

GOOD MORNING
HARVEY!



YA KNOW I GOT 3
BOOKS COMING OUT.
THIS ONE WILL BE AN
AMERICAN SPLENDOR.

HARVEY! THREE
BOOKS!



PEOPLE SAY I WRITE
ABOUT LOSERS, BUT I
DON'T THINK THAT THEY'RE
"CHARACTERS"

OH, HERE IS
SOMETHING ELSE.



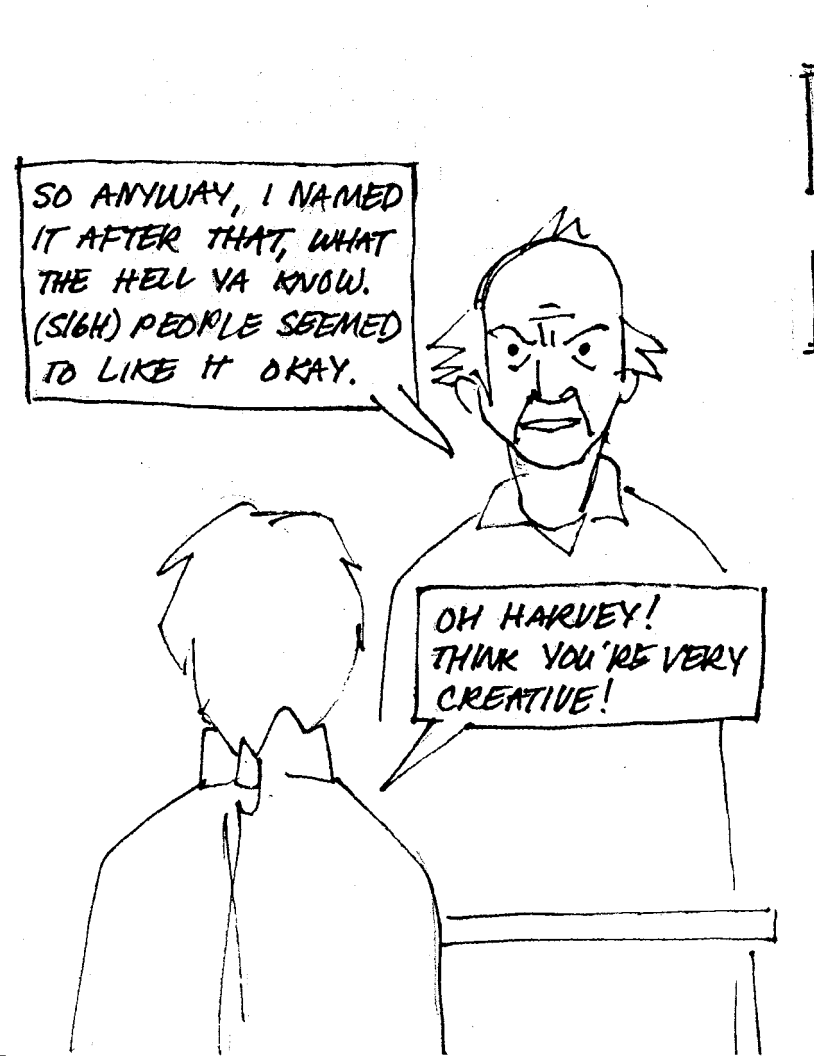
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YEAH I DON'T KNOW
WHERE I GOT THAT
NAME YA KNOW I
THINK I JUST LIKE
THE WAY THOSE WORDS
LOOKED OVER THIS
GRUMPY GUY LIKE
ME. PLUS I ALWAYS
LIKE THAT OLD MOVIE
"SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS"
YA EVAAH SEE THAT FLICK?





OH HARVEY! I
LOVE THAT MOVIE.

YEAH NATALIE
WOOD WAS A
REAL LOOKER



SO ANYWAY, I NAMED
IT AFTER THAT, WHAT
THE HELL YA KNOW.
(SIGH) PEOPLE SEEMED
TO LIKE IT OKAY.

OH HARVEY!
THINK YOU'RE VERY
CREATIVE!



YEAH YA KNOW, I
PUTTA LOTTA WORK
INTO EM. THEY'RE NOT
JUST FUNNY PAGES
LIKE SOMEA THE
REVIEWS SAID...

I HAVE NEVER READ
A BAD REVIEW OF
YOUR WORK, HARVEY!

AH WELL, YEARS AGO.





WELL YOU TURNED
ME ON!

TURNED YA ON HUH!

OH HARVEY, STOP THAT!

IM GONNA HAFTA TELL
MY WIFE I STILL GOT IT!

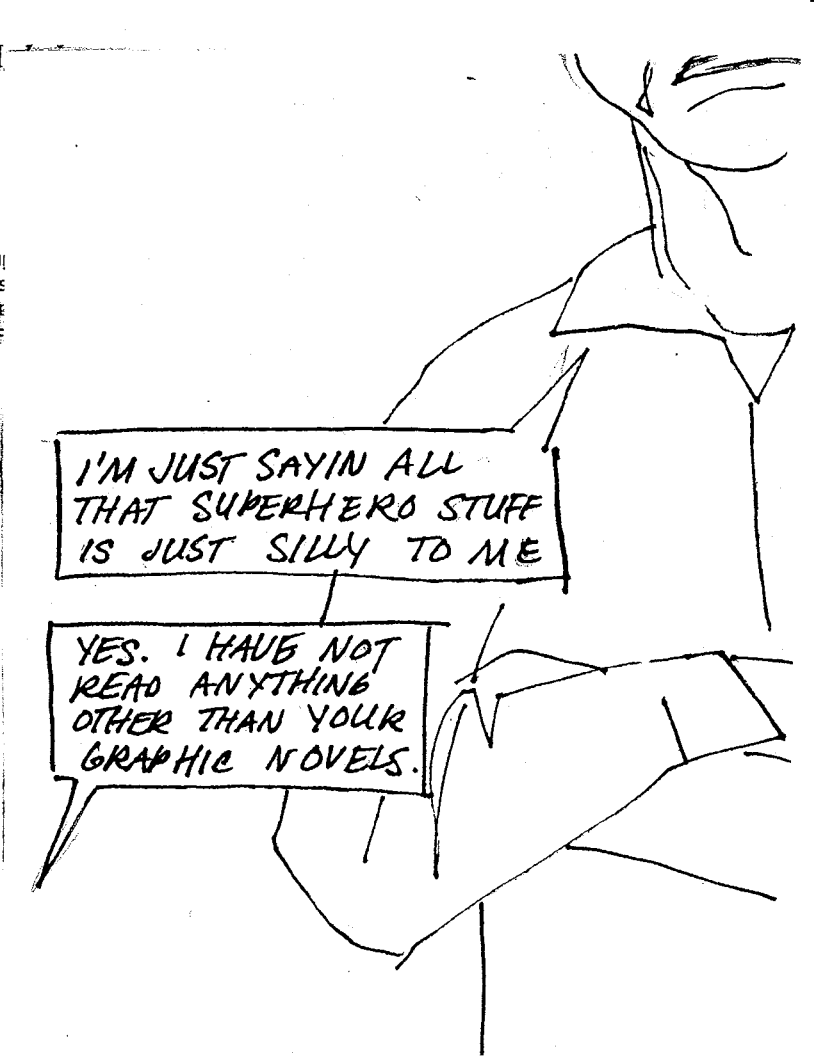
HARVEY! I MEANT
TURNED ME ONTO
GRAPHIC NOVELS!
NEVER READ ONE
UNTIL I MET YOU AND
NOW I LOVE THEM!



YEAH? WELL THAT'S
SOMETHING. BUT YA
KNOW I SHOULD WARN
YA.. THERES A LOTTA
CRAP OUT THERE!

OH HARVEY!





I'M JUST SAYIN ALL
THAT SUPERHERO STUFF
IS JUST SILLY TO ME

YES. I HAVE NOT
READ ANYTHING
OTHER THAN YOUR
GRAPHIC NOVELS.

THOUGH THEY WANT
ME TO DO A BOOK
ON PLASTIC MAN.

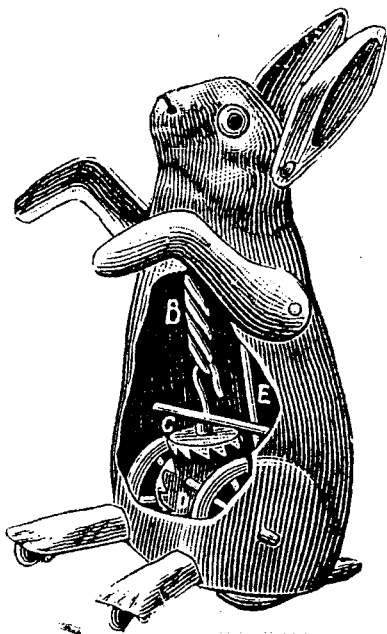
PLASTIC MAN?



YEAH PLASTIC MAN. SO YA
KNOW, WHAT THE HELL RIGHT?



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